

**ABSTRACT**

An absorbent article is provided for use in the  
perineal area of the body. Compliant sealing cuffs are  
pre-formed to extend outward from the central portion of  
the article. The cuffs may be formed by looping a strip  
of resilient highloft material covered with a porous  
material so as to form a compliant cuff which bears  
against the user's body in a comfortable manner. An  
elastic member placed in tension so as to impart an  
arcuate shape to the article may be placed inside a  
cavity formed by the cuff. The cuffs may be applied to  
an article having wings attached to the central portion  
so as to form pockets for retaining the elasticized  
portions of the panty crotch. The proximal ends of the  
cuffs are disposed outward of the pockets and the  
distance between the pockets is less than the width of  
the panty crotch so that the body faceable side of the  
article is placed in tension.